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By: **Harford County Senators**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Highways - Prohibition on Use for Solicitation**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, in Harford County, a person from standing in a  
4 roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the  
5 occupant of a vehicle; and generally relating to restrictions on the use of  
6 highways for solicitation in Harford County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Transportation  
9 Section 21-507  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2002 Replacement Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 21-507.

16 (a) Except for the occupant of a disabled vehicle who seeks the aid of another  
17 vehicle, a person may not stand in a roadway to solicit a ride, employment, or  
18 business from the occupant of any vehicle.

19 (b) A person may not stand on or near a highway to solicit any other person to  
20 watch or guard any vehicle while it is parked or about to be parked on a highway.

21 (c) In Charles County AND HARFORD COUNTY, a person may not stand in a  
22 roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind  
23 from the occupant of a vehicle.

24 (d) (1) In Prince George's County:

25 (i) A child under the age of 15 years may not stand in a roadway,  
26 median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from the  
27 occupant of a vehicle; and

1                   (ii)       An adult may not cause, encourage, allow, or petition a child  
2 under the age of 15 years to stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to  
3 solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle.

4                   (2)       A child under the age of 15 years may not be found guilty or  
5 adjudicated delinquent for a violation of paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection if an adult  
6 caused, encouraged, allowed, or petitioned the child in violation of paragraph (1)(ii) of  
7 this subsection.

8       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
9 effect October 1, 2003.